

4/17/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

On 4/17 ventilation activities of Units J upper and lower continued. All porous materials in the units such as linens, couch/chair cushions, and mattresses have been moved outside. The 24-hour Summa canister sampling event is still scheduled to begin on 4/18. Results of these samples are needed to assist decision makers in the clearing of the condos for re-occupancy. ERT and contractor personnel acquired additional background Summa canister samples at various *exterior* locations near the condo complex. Although background levels of MB vary as to weather and other conditions, additional background samples will help establish a general view of background levels in the vicinity of the affected units.

A telecom was held this afternoon with the RA, her staff, ERRD-RPB, ORC, and DECA, as well as the OSC and ERT scientist on the scene. Discussion centered around the status of ventilation activities, sampling events, and the basis for a re-occupancy clearance concentration. ATSDR continues to have internal discussions regarding an appropriate clearance concentration for the condominiums. The REOC committed to providing the RA with an Excel spreadsheet of the dates/times/location/results of Summa and wipe sampling events since EPA's involvement at the condo. Similarly, the REOC will also provide the above information superimposed on a schematic floor plan of both the upper and lower "J" units.

The REOC continues working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. REOC has been in contact with the distributors of the cylinders on St. Croix and St. Thomas and is arranging transportation off island, in coordination with CID and DOJ. REOC has also been coordinating with ATSDR regarding clearance values for re-occupancy.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 1 OSCs, 1 EPA ERT, 1 SERAS contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.